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Annual event welcomes football season

Jena Dean
staff writer

The annual Purple Power Play on Poyntz event took place this year to kick off the official start of the K-State football season Thursday and today. Beginning in 1988, this event held on Poyntz Avenue in downtown Manhattan, consists of over 80 vendors who have all come out to support K-State football.

Participants in the event include local businesses, independent vendors, clubs, non-profit organizations and local restaurants.

"You get to meet a lot of different people here and you get to see what they are like, the different K-State fans from this area. The fireworks are so awesome to watch, too."

Melissa Theel
co-owner of The Light Zone

Attractions include live music and a kid-friendly inflatable carnival.

More than 20,000 people attend this two-day event, ranging from Manhattan residents, K-State students and alum, to die-hard fans who travel to Manhattan just for the event.

"[The festival is] frosting on the cake for K-Staters. The hype has been building for this game, and this festival is the summit," said Charlotte Schartz, representative of Catbackers and K-State alum from the class of 1971.

Catbackers is an organization established to raise funds for K-State students and athletes by holding activities such as auctions and golf tournaments and donating profits to the university each year. Schartz has run the Catbacker booth for the past four years, where the "gazillion shades of purple" have been drawing her



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

After receiving grief for being a Green Bay Packers fan from his boss, David Bucholtz, Manhattan resident, dyed his cheese head hat purple, wearing it to Purple Power Play on Poyntz on Thursday.

back each time.

Melissa Theel, co-owner of The Light Zone with Scott Theel, of Salina, has a booth in this event for more than just the kick-off of the first game.

"I just love watching all the kids come by in their K-State gear. It's always fun to meet new people and get to talk with them," she said.

The Light Zone first began participating in Purple Power Play on Poyntz five years ago, selling products such as hats, pins, K-State buttons, toy guns and light-up merchandise like mouth pieces and pacifiers for children.

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see what they are like - the different K-State fans from this area. The fireworks are so awesome to watch, too," Theel said.

The event first began when a small group of community volunteers attempted to bring back community pride and support of the then winless K-State football team. Their attempts worked, as the festival is now considered to have grown to unbelievable standards with many activities for the entire family to enjoy. Fans of the event hope that the purple tradition will continue to support K-State and the Manhattan community for many years to come.

"This is just a good opportunity for incoming college kids to see

what there is here in the community," said Dana Drake, senior in family studies.

Drake said this was her first year attending the festival, but she was impressed by the amount of booths and the quality of entertainment at the event.

"It all just boosts K-State's pride in the school. I get to show my purple off and my pride. Plus, there is so much free stuff," Drake said.

Today's events for the festival downtown include the K-State Tap Dance Ensemble performing at 6 p.m., the Jared Daniels

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Wildcats travel to Nebraska after first tournament win

Mark Kern
sports editor

With the five-set win over Oregon State on Saturday evening, the Wildcats took home the Varney's Invitational title to move to 3-0 for the season so far. They will look to remain undefeated as they travel to Omaha, Neb., to participate in the Bluejay Invitational.

This tournament will be similar to the Varney's tournament in that there will be four teams, and the tournament format will be round robin. Here is a look at the three teams the Wildcats will take on.

Denver University (2-1):

Denver took second place in the Rocky Ram Invitational last weekend, falling to host Colorado State. The Pioneers were led by Michele Swope and Colleen King, who combined for 59 kills in the three matches. As high as these numbers are, where the Pioneers really excel is their defense.

Over the weekend, the Pioneers out-dug their opponents 111-83. The Denver team has a habit of forcing their opponents to continue to have to hit the ball and forcing the other team to make mistakes.

Syracuse University (3-0):

The Orange began their season undefeated after winning the Colgate Classic Title last weekend. They defeated host school Colgate University, as well as Bryant University, to bring home the trophy.

Sophomore Andrea Fisher played a

huge role in the tournament, including setting a career high with 18 kills in the win over Colgate. Fisher stands at only 5 feet 11 inches, but she is a very crafty hitter who keeps the defense on its toes. She will be an important factor for the Orange this weekend as they look to continue their own undefeated run.

Creighton University (3-0):

The host school enters the tournament with an undefeated record, due in great part to the strong play of senior Megan Bober.

Bober, who has been named First Team All-MVC for two straight years, gives Creighton one of the country's very best setters. She has started all 98 matches in her career, and much like K-State's Caitlyn Donahue, she is able to hurt the defense with both her setting and her ability to hit the ball.

Revenge will be on the Bluejays' mind, as the Wildcats defeated Creighton in five sets last year.



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Senior Alex Muff goes in for the kill in the Wildcats' victory over the Oregon State Beavers on Aug. 25 at Ahearn Field House.

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Purpose behind party on Friday

Kaitlyn Dewell
staff writer

Multiple businesses in the Aggieville district will be giving the Manhattan population an opportunity to "give back" by hosting a philanthropic party tonight.

"Party 4 A Purpose," is an event developed by a small group of Manhattan residents whose goal is to help the college crowd give back to the public in a way it already knows how, using the party scene to collect donations for a charitable mission.

By purchasing a Party 4 A Purpose T-shirt, individuals will receive exclusive food and drink specials from participating Manhattan businesses like Hibachi Hut and several Aggieville Bars. Wearing the T-shirt also grants participants access to over \$1,000 in additional prizes, such as gift cards to popular restaurants and items donated by clothing boutiques.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to "Guide On," a program developed by members of the U.S. military to mentor children of families who have lost one or both parents in combat.

The event originated when Cory Gautereaux, co-director of the Party 4 A Purpose event, hosted a similar event in San Diego where donors attended a charity banquet to benefit Guide On. With the help of Andy Bey, senior in business marketing and manager for Aggieville Bars, the idea to bring the philanthropy to the K-State community was born over a late-night chat.

Bey said he is excited to have found a way to prove to the public that students can give back when presented with the right opportunities to do so.

"People think of college kids as almost apathetic to community service," Bey said. "Our idea isn't that they don't care, it's just that we haven't been packaging it the right way."

As a current military serviceman, Gautereaux said he got involved with the cause after a conversation with the founder of Guide On, who told him the story of his best friend who was killed in combat, leaving his two small children behind.

"Before I talked to him, we were just partying for a purpose," Gautereaux said. "After I talked to him, it made more sense. We're not just 'party for a purpose.' We really are partying to help people."

Richard Galli, co-owner of Eighteen63 and participant in the event, adds that it's no hassle for interested individuals to get involved.

"We're making it easy for the college community to give back," Galli said. "We've found a way to get everyone involved."

Students who are interested in participating can purchase a Party 4 A Purpose T-shirt in Bosco Student Plaza, outside of the K-State Student Union, today, as well as from any of the participating Aggieville bars tonight.

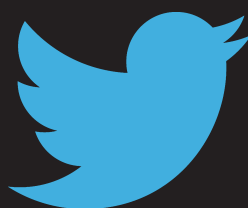
Both Bey and Gautereaux expressed their hope that the K-State community will be more than willing to contribute to the cause and help make the event a success.

"Buy a T-shirt and come out on Friday!" Bey said. "Not only will you save money, but you'll help prove that college kids really do care."

Participating Aggieville businesses include: Johnny Kaw's Sports Bar, Eighteen63, O'Malley's Alley, Rusty's, Tubby's Sports Bar, Shot Stop, Drinx, Chuggers, The Salty Rim, DoughBoys Pizza and Pub, Bomb Bar, Kite's Grill and Bar, Varney's and Wildcat Nutrition.

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Experience with divorce sparks mental health issues



Jakki Thompson

This is part two of a three-part series about divorce and how it can affect a person's life from childhood to adulthood. Jakki Thompson is sharing her experiences dealing with the divorce of her own parents in the hopes that it will help others who are coping with this common social issue.

How do I begin to tell the story of how everyone left me, and then how I ended up leaving myself? Since the beginning of my parents' divorce, I knew something wasn't right with my emotions and how I felt around people. For more than five years of my life, I have struggled with mild depression and extreme anxiety. Living in between two houses during my parents' divorce, I never

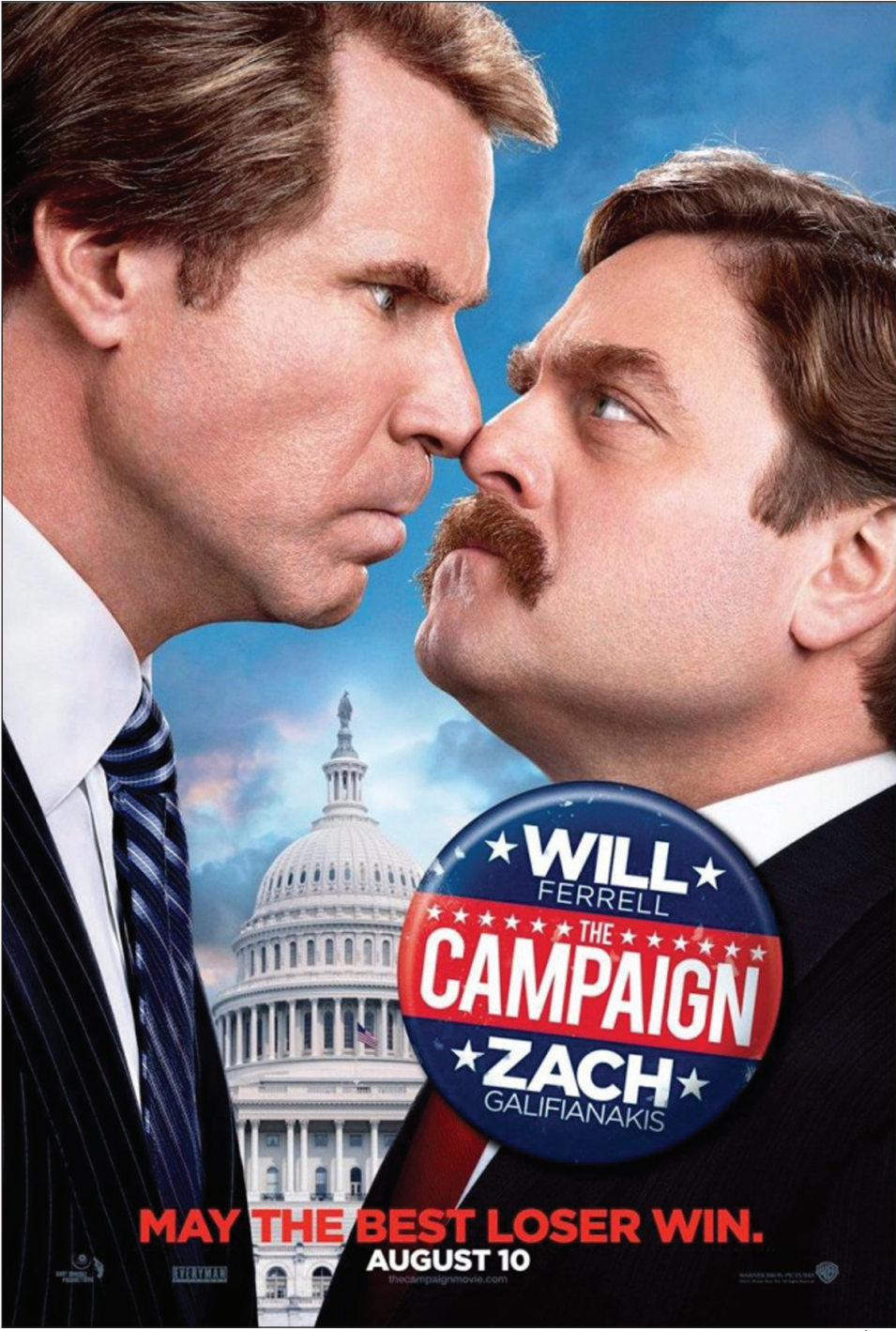
really knew what to do with myself. I was always told what to do, where I needed to be and how to act. When I lived with my father, he always told me there was nothing wrong with me. "You aren't sad. You need to be happy," he said "You don't even know how good you have it, Jakki." These were the words I had to live by for a solid chunk of my adolescence. For three weeks of my life, I was completely silent. After not seeking help for my depression caused me to hit an extreme low, I decided to just be silent. Compared to the talkative, extroverted person I like to think I am now, I was a completely different me. For three weeks of bouncing between houses and attending school, I didn't answer anyone and just looked at the ground. I used my voice as a defense mechanism. Instead of getting in trouble for the rage I felt and had built up inside me, I stayed silent. No one knew why. No one in my family really does know, even to this day, why I was silent for that time. Depression is something I have always struggled with. After seeing

others near me self-harm, I could never do that to myself. When I wanted to feel something emotionally, I went for a different type of physical pain: I got pierced. Every piercing I have ever received is the result of a bad day or a bad month. Every piercing has a story. I had 19 piercings on my face and ears by the time I was 15 years old. I constantly felt this hollowness inside me. I felt like I wasn't complete. I felt every negative emotion I humanly could, while having to bottle it all inside and pretend I wasn't feeling anything. When I began to struggle with social anxiety on top of my depression, I didn't know how to handle that either. I never had the resources to seek help for my emotional problems or a national hotline to call. I hit my lowest point when I couldn't even walk down the sidewalk to get to work. People would walk by me and say, "Good morning, Jakki." I didn't know how to answer them, so I looked down at the sidewalk and continued to walk even faster. I began to walk the absolute longest and furthest route from my parking ramp to my building

in order to pass as few people as I possibly could. I would arrive at work breathing hard and disoriented due to a panic-induced anxiety attack. It was in that moment that I finally had to explain to my mom, after three years of dealing with these feelings on a daily basis, that I thought I was struggling with depression. "Jakki, you realize depression runs on both sides of your family, right?" she said. "We should have gotten you checked years ago." Biologically speaking, I was doomed from the get-go. Both sets of grandparents, both of my parents, my sister and many of my cousins all struggle with depression. Of course, in my family, mental illness has a stigma. It was shameful and I was shamed because of it. When I would visit my mother's side of the family, no one ever really talked to me. No one asked me how I was or how school was. I coexisted with them during family gatherings, but I wasn't really a part of the family. People would talk around me, as if I were the elephant in the room. Everyone

knew I was there, but no one wanted to talk about it. Despite being biologically predisposed for depression, my parents' divorce intensified my depressive characteristics. According to a Huffington Post article, reprinted from the Naples News, "Children of divorced parents are seven times more likely to suffer from depression." It's cool to learn that the ticking time bomb of my depression was cranked to have no minutes remaining at the beginning of their divorce. Waking up today, it's the same struggle it was five years ago. My depression and anxiety haven't changed. I have my good days and bad days like everyone else. Mine however, tend to be more extreme. Every day is a struggle for me. Every day is a new uphill battle. Some days, I feel like life has finally plateaued. Those are the days I know there will be a new battle to face tomorrow. Jakki Thompson is a sophomore in journalism, women's studies and American ethnic studies. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

New comedy provides mediocre entertainment



"The Campaign"

★★★★☆

Movie review by Ethan Hague

With the presidential election just months away, it's just about the perfect time to release a political satire. "The Campaign" is an outrageously over-the-top comedy, and manages to remain surprisingly politically impartial.

The movie stars Will Ferrell as Cam Brady, an incumbent congressman with seemingly no desire to actually lead. Brady is a womanizer who changes the content of his speeches based on his audience, (clearly a stab at some politicians' cheap attempts to garner votes). His opponent is Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis), a dim-witted tour guide for his North Carolina hometown. It is clear, however, that Huggins is merely a puppet controlled

by the Motch brothers (Dan Aykroyd and John Lithgow), billionaires only interested in making more money. The film starts out with some great humor and typical Saturday Night Live style characterization by Ferrell. As with many comedies in the last few years, however, the humor comes not from clever dialogue, but outlandish situations. Thus, the hilarity dries up by the time the movie is

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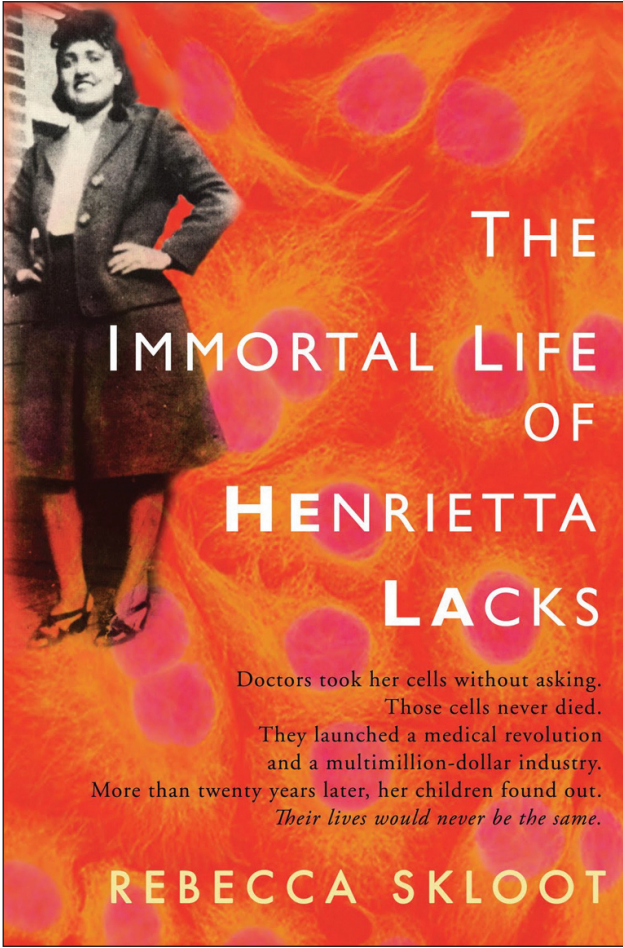
Book explores woman behind 'immortal' cells

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"

★★★★★

Book review by Katie Goerl

Henrietta Lacks grew up in a slave-era cabin with eight siblings, married her cousin and had five children. She died in 1951, at 31, as baseball-sized malignant tumors preyed upon her vital organs. When doctors performed an autopsy, so many small tumors had metastasized to her other organs that "it looked as if someone had filled her with pearls." Ironically, it was Henrietta's cancer that both killed her and guaranteed her a sort of immortality. In an era when doctors still gave hysterectomies to black women without consent, a Johns Hopkins researcher named George Gey scraped some cells from a tumor in Henrietta's cervix, dropped them in some culture medium and watched them grow - and grow and grow. Dubbed HeLa cells, they were the first cells capable of surviving in culture for more than a few days, doubling every 24 hours. Without Henrietta's consent and without the knowledge of her family, Henrietta's cells were eventually mass-produced, shipped through the mail to scientists around the world and used for everything from developing a polio vaccine to testing cosmetics. HeLa cells are still used today. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, the K-State Book Network's common book for this semester, combines science and history with a literary flair that results in a highly accessible read. Skloot eases the reader into the story, telescoping in on the events of Henrietta's life before broadening her scope to describe the revolutionary science that developed from the tumors that killed her. Though Henrietta's life is fascinating, especially the somewhat gruesome details of her family history, Skloot's description of the scientists and researchers who used her cells is irresistible. On the one hand, these white scientists - especially Dr. Gey, who orchestrated the mass production and distribution of HeLa cells - exploited Henrietta's ignorance to profit from the cancer that killed her. Many of the doctors and scien-



tists Skloot profiles are, at best, callous toward their research subjects and, at worst, actively deceive and abuse them. But Dr. Gey is an interesting and compelling character, an almost literary combination of tinkerer and mad scientist that results in a man who smokes cigars, eats raw oysters in his garage and sneakily defends Henrietta's right to privacy.

The magic of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" lies in Skloot's literary craftsmanship. Part history and part journalism, with a touch of fiction thrown in, the book juggles reconstructed scenes of family life and laboratory research with easily digestible science and medical history. Skloot describes several

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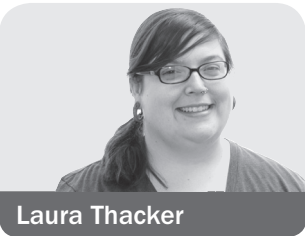
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We've all heard it for years: watch what you put on Facebook, because it could affect your future. I used to ignore this advice; I would say, "If a company doesn't want to hire me because of what I have on my Facebook, then I don't want to work there anyway."

Then I had to go through the process of hiring people myself, and guess what I did? I looked at their Facebook pages.

Now that I've grown up, become less self-righteous and done my fair share of untagging, I see the wisdom in this. I even see how social networking sites can be useful for employers when they are unsure about job candidates. But a recent trend is just going too far: some employers have begun asking people for their login names and passwords at job interviews.

Not only is this a gross invasion of privacy, but it is completely manipulative, especially in this economy. In a March 21 Associated Press article, one Maryland said he took some time off from work after his mother's death and was asked to give up his password when he returned. He acquiesced, saying he had to feed his family, so he had no choice.

Nobody should have to make a choice between giving up private information and feeding their family. For this reason, some states have proposed legislation that would forbid public agencies from requesting passwords, and the American Civil Liberties Union has spoken out against the practice.

In response, some employers have taken to requesting that interviewees log in to their own accounts or friend a company employee at interviews. This is still grossly unfair - privacy settings exist for a reason, and



if someone is smart enough to utilize those well enough that you cannot see their page, then they are probably smart enough to do their job.

I am a hard worker and a valuable employee, but I throw the f-bomb around on Facebook like it is nobody's business ... because it isn't their business. I go on political rants. I complain about stupid people. I basically use Facebook in the same manner as every other college student on the planet. I should not have to censor myself because I am hard up for a job.

When I did a bit of Facebook stalking during the hiring process, intense privacy settings didn't upset me - I actually found that an attractive characteristic. These people obviously knew what was appropriate for the public eye and what was not, so kudos to them.

Social networking sites have privacy settings for a reason: so that people can share their opinions without worrying. If there is a constant fear of a potential employer requesting your password, where does that leave your right to freedom of speech?

Sure, everyone can say that they would refuse to give out their information, but when it's down to paying your rent or revealing your Facebook login, it becomes hard to say no. On top of it all, refusing implies that you have something to hide, so either way you are probably screwed out of a job.

Employers wouldn't, or at least shouldn't, ask for a key to go into your house and snoop through your stuff, so they shouldn't ask for your passwords and other personal information. An invasion of privacy is an invasion of privacy, whether it's online or in the real world.

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Gender testing for female athletes unfair, irrelevant



While many of us may have been focusing on the United States' athletes at this year's Olympic games, another athlete was gaining notice for a different reason. South African runner Caster Semenya first came under scrutiny three years ago when her gender was called into question.

In 2009, the then 18-year-old's "masculine" appearance raised concern among the International Association of Athletics Federations. Although I agree that Semenya does not have the most feminine features, her situation was handled poorly. She was kept from racing for 11 months and was the target of a lot of negative publicity in the media. New policies have been put into action this year because of the poor job that was done when handling Semenya's case.

Testing the gender of athletes is not a new concept, but it is a concept that is unfair and outdated. In my opinion, these athletes, who have most likely been training all of their lives, are being treated unfairly for not being feminine enough. Doesn't anyone take into consideration what kind of toll this degree of athletic training has on the human body?

There is a lot of information on this topic, and a lot of negative opinions in the media, so let's break down the reasons that gender testing is wrong.

According to a June 25 New York Times article by Juliet Macur, "The new rules say that women with levels of testosterone that reach a man's normal level will be barred from competing with other women if it is found that the athlete's body is responsive to androgens." The International Olympic Committee fails to point out what a normal level of testosterone is for a man in their new policy.

According to a June 17 New York Times article by Rebecca Jordan-Young and Katrina Karkazis, average testosterone levels differ between men and women but "levels vary widely depending on time of day, time of life, social status and — crucially — one's history of athletic training."

The article goes on to say that, "Testosterone is not the master molecule of athleticism," and that there is "no evidence that successful athletes have higher testosterone levels than less successful ones."

Although doping with testosterone could improve performance, there is no

way to predict how athletes will perform based on their testosterone levels. One problem with this type of gender-testing is the unintentional examination of individuals with naturally high testosterone levels instead of athletes who purposefully increase their testosterone levels with supplementation.

Currently, this gender-testing fad only applies to female participants. If higher testosterone levels cause athletes to have a higher performance level, then all athletes should have the potential to be tested, and the test shouldn't just be targeted at females.

I'm guessing this committee wouldn't strip a male athlete with higher testosterone levels of a gold medal, or keep him from racing for 11 months, because his testosterone levels gave him an "unfair" advantage over the other men.

There was a lot of speculation in the media about Semenya. Concerns about whether or not she was in fact a man tarnished the runner's reputation and life for almost a year. While she does not have the outward anatomy of a man, her testosterone levels and some inner anatomy are male. Does that make her ineligible to race with women?

Semenya is now undergoing treatment to lower her testosterone levels. She is changing her chemical makeup in order to maintain her station as a female racer.

These stipulations and these regulations are not fair. It is not right to call someone a man and humiliate someone in the public eye by making them feel like less of a person, like less of a woman.

Women with higher testosterone levels have not cheated any more than people who are genetically inclined to be better athletes; larger lungs, flexibility, long legs or good hand-eye coordination are all physical attributes that can help increase athleticism. While a great deal of training is also involved in becoming a superb athlete, no one can control the complex genetic ingredients that add up to athleticism.

If we truly wished to be "fair" by filtering the athletic pool, racing in the Olympics would no longer just require a qualifying race time; we could measure athletes' leg length, the capacity of their lungs, their centers of gravity and the length of their hair (because shorter hair reduces wind resistance, right?)

Or we could not. Because even if Semenya may look "masculine" or act "masculine," she ultimately does not have a penis nor any history of ever having had a penis, so why can't we leave it at that?

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MOVIE | Religion in politics satirized

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about half over. The film avoids directly stating the philosophies of both the Democratic and Republican parties, but a few real world situations are satirized quite plainly. One example is the way in which the film mocks big businesses supporting campaigns.

The clearly under-qualified Huggins is controlled entirely by the Motch brothers and their campaign managing superstar Tim Wattle (Dylan McDermott). Another more specific example occurs when Huggins purposely shoots Brady in the leg and then allows the media to call it a "hunting accident."

Perhaps no instances of satire are more obvious than the film's attempt to bash politicians' religious affiliations. The platform on which Brady runs is based on "America, Jesus and Freedom." Yet, Brady's faith is brought into question

when Huggins asks him to recite the Lord's Prayer. Brady apparently has no idea how the prayer goes, made clear by some typical Will Ferrell improvisation. The film seems to question whether every God-fearing politician is honest about their faith.

However, the joke of the entire movie is thrown away at the last second, as it allows the politicians to become honest in the end. It trades a solid punchline for a feel-good moment, leading the viewer to believe that politicians are really good people deep down.

With a stone-faced end to a less-than-hilarious second half, this shoddy attempt at satire may have you laughing through the first viewing, but will likely be forgotten by December. Two and a half out of five stars.

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LACKS | 'Disturbing history' highlighted

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larger-than-life characters like "the Greeter" (a pudgy, simple white man with a red bike who stands on the same street corner in a rural Virginia town every day waving at passersby) and an increasingly crackpot scientist who was fond of eugenics and famously claimed ownership of an immortal chicken heart.

Meanwhile, mysterious events seem to surround the HeLa cells and those who research the Lacks family, almost as if Henrietta herself lives on, protecting her legacy.

But the book explores deeper themes as well: incest, violence and abuse; the generations-long poverty of Henrietta's family, who were descended from both black slaves and their white slaveowners; and the disturbing history of the exploitation of black people, poor people and prison inmates for medical research.

A significant portion of the book concerns Henrietta's daughter, Deborah, and her search for the truth about her mother's life. Born only a year before Henrietta was hospitalized, Deborah never knew her mother - or that Hen-

rietta had another daughter who died long before Deborah learned about her. Deborah is traumatized by the circumstances of her life and her family until Skloot patiently, layer by layer, unearths the Lacks family history.

I occasionally had qualms about Skloot's descriptions, which sometimes rang a little false. For example, Henrietta's childhood sounds rather idealized, especially compared to a similar description of someone else's childhood later in the book.

However, keep in mind that Skloot interviewed surviving members of Henrietta's family who have a very personal stake in the story, and it is understandable that she wrote cautiously about a woman they remember so fondly.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" is an engrossing read, both the chronicle of a rather complicated family and a fascinating collection of characters and anecdotes, with some highly digestible science thrown in. Five out of five stars.

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POYNTZ | Day two of entertainment

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band at 6:30 p.m., and finally the K-State Pep Rally featuring coach Bruce Weber from the men's basketball team, coach Deb Patterson from the women's basketball team and the K-State Marching Band, cheerleaders, and Classy Cats beginning at 8:10 p.m.

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FreshWOMEN Orientation provides information, resources

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Female students filled K-State Student Union room 227 as the Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held their annual FreshWOMEN Orientation event.

New and transfer women were invited to come to the event to learn more about the resources and organizations available to students at K-State, specifically those available to female students.

"I thought this was a really fun event," said Kyreena McWilliams, freshman in criminology. "They made it really enjoyable and personable. They were friendly and informational, all at the same time. It was a really great time."

McWilliams said that she attended the event because she wanted to know more about the multicultural greek organizations for students. She said that she left with more information than she could have imagined and plans on seeking tutoring information because she needs the help.

McWilliams is not the only person who plans on seeking tutoring help after attending the event. Adrene Evans, senior in human resources management and social sciences, said she plans on seeking tutoring help as well.

"Even though I'm a senior, this is my first time attending this event," Evans said. "It sucks that I have been here at K-State for two years now, and I just learned about so many resources that I could have utilized before now."

Five student resources had representation at the event: Powercat Financial Assistance, Counseling Services, Leisure Hall Tutoring, the Academic and Career Information Center and Career and Employment Services. All of these resources are available to provide help for students.

"I though Career and Employment Services also pro-

vided really great information," Evans said. "Within the next year and a half, I will be graduating. They can help me find a job and help with career information."

Three other organizations mentioned at the event were the K-State Women's Center, Lafene Health Center and S.H.A.P.E.

Christa Martinez, president of Delta Sigma Theta and senior in social work, said she thought the event went really well. She said she thought many of the women received information that will benefit them during their academic careers.

"I thought all of it was beneficial for the students who attended this event," Martinez said. "More specifically, all of the resources we brought into the event will come in handy for people. All of the resources that we provided will most likely be incredibly vital for all young women at K-State."

Jasmine Walker, programming chair for Delta Sigma Theta and senior in public relations, said more women showed up than she expected. She said there were a lot of new faces and that she was very happy with the number of people as she did not expect that many to come.

"This was the perfect opportunity for young women who are new to campus to have come and have received a lot of information about many different organizations and resources," Walker said. "When these young women go to orientation, the information is presented at tables, rather than being verbally told to you, like at this event. Nobody has something that clusters all of this information together."

Delta Sigma Theta has been hosting FreshWOMEN Orientation for many years. The sorority's alumni have provided detailed outlines for how to plan and execute the event.

"This event encompasses all aspects of what our soror-



Anna Confer | Collegian
Natasha Peterson, junior in management and vice president of the Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, discusses resources available for women at FreshWOMEN Orientation on Thursday. Delta Sigma Theta sponsored the event, which was held in the K-State Student Union.

ity is all about," Walker said. "It brings together our five-point thrust into one wonderful event to help the new and transfer women to the K-State campus."

The five-point thrust is com-

posed of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political involvement and awareness.

As the event began to wind

down and women began to leave, participants and attendees were able to mingle and digest all of the information that was presented to them during the event.

"This event is something

we continue to improve every year," Martinez said. "We have just continued to improve as the years have progressed. This year the FreshWOMEN event was very successful and felt very welcoming."

Concentrated on catch



Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian
Julio Marcus, sophomore in business management, keeps his eye on the ball while playing catch with friends in front of the Peters Recreation Complex. Marcus is a member of Alpha Tau Omega and was practicing for intramurals with other members.

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